I have heard that at least one major network has made some type of claim that they would stop broadcasting digital television if this "copyright protection" is not enacted...let them, we seemed to survive just fine before digital tv, and if the only way it will be provided is to further limit the rights of common americans, is it really worth the trouble? I wish for once people would stop making decision's based on greed and start thinking about the common good of the people, and to use a little common sense. My idea of a 'right' is something that empowers a person, not something that restricts or lessens the ability of others. For then you are not enforcing the rights of someone, you are taking other rights away from the rest of the country.

This technology will continue to exist without this extended 'protection', and I would venture to say that eventually all networks will continue to provide it. Why? because some people are willing to pay for it. When there's money to be made selling a product, you can be sure someone will take that money. I don't see a need to dreastically change the way television has been dealt with, simply because some of the people that 'own' it want it that way. I own a car, if I decided that I wanted it to be illegal for anyone to take pictures of my car, (thereby having 'copies' of my car) I doubt i would be taken very seriously, and rightly so, but this is the very thing that is going on here. I see no need to tie our own hands and throw away our rights simply because a handfull of corporations are acting childish and want more money.